GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Bhikhnathori border dispute between India and Nepal; and

(b) the action being taken by the Government to resolve the border dispute?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(b) The India-Nepal boundary is based on the Treaty of Sugauli of 1816 between British East India Company and Kingdom of Nepal and subsequent treaties and agreements. India and Nepal have established a Joint Technical Committee (JTC), with the objective of, inter alia, resolving the differences of perception on the alignment of boundary in some segments, which also includes Bhikhnathori. The last meeting of JTC was held in Kathmandu, Nepal on December 21-22, 2006. The JTC is yet to complete its mandated tasks.